

longtime friend, Henry Vincent Ford. Vince, as he was affectionately known, transitioned from this life on December 6, 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina. His work fighting for equity in historically underserved communities has left an indelible mark on the Midlands of South Carolina.

Vince Ford was born on March 18, 1958, in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from A.C. Flora High School and went on to pursue a bachelor's degree at Benedict College in Columbia. He received a master's degree from my alma mater, South Carolina State University. Vince dedicated his life to bettering the Columbia community and Midlands' area, and I was fortunate to get to know Vince well throughout his service to his county and state.

In 1992, Vince was elected to the Richland One School Board. During his nearly quarter century tenure on the Board, he served as chairman a remarkable eight times. Vince was a fierce advocate for children. He led the charge on a bond referendum which led to both the improvement and building of several school buildings. He also spearheaded the vote to create a tax increment financing district which would lead to the creation of important community projects, such as EdVenture Children's Museum, Three Rivers Greenway, and Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

In 1997, at the same time of his service on the School Board, Vince was invited to establish and lead the Office of Community Health at Prisma Health. Throughout his time there, he fought for the needs of the community's uninsured and medically underserved. After his retirement from the School Board in 2016, he officially became the Vice President of Community Affairs at Prisma Health. He was a faithful advocate of community health through his work with Prisma for over 25 years. He was fully committed to tackling disparities in health treatment in the Midlands, impacting the lives of countless people.

Through his community leadership, Vince earned several awards and accolades. For his time on the School Board, he was named Outstanding School Board Member for the Sixth Congressional District and All-State School Board Member by the South Carolina School Boards Association. In 2018, he was inducted into the Richland One Hall of Fame. He was also recognized on the Columbia Housing Authority Wall of Fame and received the Elaine Whitelaw Volunteer Service Award from the March of Dimes. The programs he led were also recognized for their success, with his program for drug and alcohol school prevention earning national recognition.

Vince was also an active member of several civic and social organizations in the community. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands and the James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation. In addition, he served as chairperson on the State Education and the Columbia Branch Education committees. He was a proud and very active supporter of Benedict College throughout his life and was a member of its Board of Trustees. He was also a lifelong member of the NAACP and a fellow brother of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Vince is survived by his wife, Patricia, and their two children, Marcus and Robyn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Vince Ford. His unwavering commitment to serving his community should be an inspira-

tion to us all. He will be sorely missed and well-remembered by all who had the honor of knowing him.

HONORING MAJOR PETE TRAYLOR UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Major Pete Traylor of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Major Pete Traylor epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Major Pete Traylor of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on December 8, 2022. I was on my way to the House Floor to cast my vote when the vote was closed with 75 members not having voted. Had I been present for Roll Call vote 515 on the motion to adjourn offered by Rep. ROY, I would have voted no. I believe that it is essential that Congress finish the business it came here to do this week and pass the National Defense Authorization Act to support our service members and their families.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER JOHN
C. MOORE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor councilmember John Moore in honor of nearly a decade of service to the Cotati City Council.

Mr. Moore was born in Lynn, Massachusetts to Gloria and Edmund Moore. After attending Indian Valley Community College and Santa Rosa Junior College, he ran his own insurance brokerage for 15 years. Mr. Moore was elected Cotati Chamber of Commerce President in 1999 and awarded Cotati citizen of the year in 2005.

In 2013, Mr. Moore was appointed to the Cotati City Council and was subsequently re-elected in 2014 and 2018. During this time, he served multiple terms as both Vice Mayor and Mayor. Mr. Moore has also been Chair of the Cotati Rent Appeals Board, Liaison for the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Cotati Library Advisory Board and a board member of the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund as well as the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority.

Despite unprecedented challenges including wildfires, financial instability and the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Moore has remained steadfast in his commitment to Cotati. He has routinely fought for improved public infrastructure and a balanced budget. As a delegate for the North Bay Labor Council and the District Bargaining Unit Representative for the Service Employees International Union Local 1000, Mr. Moore has also been a champion for workers' rights.

Outside of public service, Mr. Moore is an executive with the Rohnert Park branch of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

He is the proud husband of Lisa, father of Richard, Rachel and Riley and brother of ten.

Madam Speaker, I thank Councilmember Moore for his years of selfless service and commitment to his community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 501; NAY on Roll Call No. 502; NAY on Roll Call No. 503; YEA on Roll Call No. 504; YEA on Roll Call No. 505; YEA on Roll Call No. 506; YEA on Roll Call No. 507; YEA on Roll Call No. 508; YEA on Roll Call No. 509; YEA on Roll Call No. 510; YEA on Roll Call No. 511; and NAY on Roll Call No. 512.